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SUBJECT: SENTENCING OF PFLO TERRORISTS

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1. ACCORDING TO GOVERNMENT WEEKLY, OMAN, "SPECIAL COURT" MADE UP SAYYID SULTAN BIN HAMAD BIN FAISAL (SULTAN'S COUSIN), SAYYID MAJID BIN TAIMUR (SULTAN'S UNCLE), AND A QADI, MALIK BIN MOHAMMAD AL-ABRI, PASSED SENTENCES ON PFLO TERRORISTS (REFTEL). ELEVEN ACQUITTED. 21 OTHERS SENTENCED AS FOLLOWS:

A. IMPRISONMENT FOR THREE YEARS (4) - BIBI ABDUL QADAR BUKHISH, ZAMZAM ABDUL QADAR BUKHISH, MARZOUK MUBARRAK SURUR MUWALI AL-YA'ARABI AND 'UMER MOHAMMAD 'UMAR AL-ZADJALI;

B. IMPRISONMENT FOR FIVE YEARS (1) - HAMAD MUHAMMAD KHALFAN AL-MUNTHIRI;

C. IMPRISONMENT FOR SEVEN YEARS (1) - MUHAMMAD AWAD AL-RUWA'I;

D. IMPRISONMENT FOR 12 YEARS (3) - AHMAD HAMID SULEIMAN AL-GHASSANI, MUBARRAK HAMAD JUMA AL-ALAWI, MAKHFUTH ABDULLAH HAMID MUWALI AL-MAZARI'A;

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E. LIFE IMPRISONMENT (4) - ALI SALEM ZAHER AL-MA'ASHRI,
NASER SALEH NASER AL-TOWBI, SALEH ABDUL RIDA AL-JAMALI, NASER
RASHID NASER AL-MUNTHIRI;

F. DEATH SENTENCE (4) - SAID JUMA SAID AL-GHAYLANI, 'UMER
MANSOUR SIRHAN AL-HINA'I, MUHAMMAD HASSAN YUSUF MACKI,
SAUD MUHAMMAD SALEM MARZOUKI;

G. INDEFINITE DETENTION, PENDING DECISION OF SULTAN QABOOS
(4) - SEIF MUBARRAK 'UMER AL-HINA'I, HILAL MUHAMMAD SAID
AL-SAIDI, HAMAD HILAL HAMAD AL-SAIDI, MUHAMMAD HILAL
HAMAD AL-SAIDI.

2. PAPER DOES NOT REPORT FACT THAT EXECUTIONS ALREADY CARRIED
OUT.

3. AS OF NOW, WE DO NOT KNOW HOW TO EXPLAIN FINAL CATEGORY
(INDEFINITE DETENTION, PENDING FURTHER DECISION BY QABOOS)
OF FOUR WHO APPARENTLY WERE FOUND GUILTY BUT NOT SENTENCED.
NAMES SUGGEST THAT THREE OF THEM MIGHT BE RELATED TO RULING
FAMILY, AND THIS MIGHT BE AT LEAST ONE OF REASONS WHY COURT
DEFERRED TO SULTAN.
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